

LONDON READY TO GREET PRESIDENT

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Information regarding the situation in Russia, as all means of communication are in the hands of the Bolsheviks, who take care that nothing comes through without being heavily censored," writes the Daily Chronicle correspondent. "But the story of a great Bolshevik army of 3,000,000 men is not credited. There is, however, a likelihood that an attempt will be made to increase the present force, with a view to invading other parts of Europe in order to spread the principles of Bolshevism."
Poland is now in a disturbed state, and is almost helpless. There would, therefore, be little difficulty in the way of the Bolsheviks marching into Germany in which country a large amount of propaganda work has already been carried on during the past year. It is fortunate that President Wilson is now in Europe so that this matter can be discussed by the allies. It would be advantageous if some line of policy could be decided upon by other nations in common so that the problem could be jointly tackled."

PREMIER CLEMENCEAU AND PRESIDENT HOLD CONFERENCE AT PALACE

PARIS, Dec. 19.—President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau began an important conference at the Murat Palace today.
It is believed a closer understanding between France and the United States regarding details of the peace pact will be reached during the conference.
The President has adopted an open position on the peace conference, but he is beginning to show some concern over the Congressional developments in the United States. He does

not believe, however, that the speeches in debate reflect the complete attitude of the American public.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND WIFE ARE LIVING QUIETLY; DELIGHT ALL THEY MEET

PARIS, Dec. 19.—As far as their prominent position permits both President and Mrs. Wilson are living as quietly as possible in Paris.
Mrs. Wilson affects plain black gowns without ornament, and she has made the happiest impression upon all with whom she has come in contact. She is plainly delighted with her surroundings, especially the beautiful, mirror-lined boudoir in the Murat mansion.
Mrs. Wilson is reticent in public, but it is plain to see from her action she is deeply devoted to her husband and his work.

Both the President and Mrs. Wilson live simply, and their home life is strictly American. Mrs. Wilson's fare is plain, and she not only abstains from wine, but does not drink even tea or coffee.

CATALONIANS REJECT OFFER OF CONFERENCE

MADRID, Dec. 19.—Catalonia leaders have rejected the government's proposals for a conference, it was announced today. As a result the government has appointed a commission to study Catalonia's demands for autonomy. This commission will report to the Spanish Parliament. General strikes have been called in Saragossa and Lerida.

HOPE FOR D. C. PAY RAISE FROM SENATE

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ers for Uncle Sam, who maintains the Federal Capital.
The precarious situation that has long existed in the Washington Fire Department is a concrete illustration of poor salaries in the District service, although it may be stated that of the 2,000 employees mentioned more than half are paid salaries far below those of the firemen.

Serious Men Shortage.
The department has been seriously short in its normal quota of men ever since the war started, and Chief Wagner and those under him have been in constant fear that the shortage of men would result in disaster. For that reason the men who have remained loyal and faithful to the District and who have stayed in the department have been under unusual strain.
Several months ago Congress recognized that the firemen were not being treated fairly in being kept on duty inhumanly long hours and deprived of the pleasures of home life, and the two-platoon system, which would enable the men to work only twelve hours each day, with an occasional day off.

The District Commissioners have never been able to put the system into effect. It called for more men than the existing system, and these men have been required to work longer hours for no extra pay.

More applicants are now offering their services than at any time in the past. The department is now advertising for men to be increased to 2,500. The two-platoon system will soon become effective. Unless fair salaries are granted the department there is no assurance that the men will remain.

Need 125 Men.

The Fire Department is today 125 men short of the necessary number to reach a two-platoon quota. Through advertising in army cantonments and large cities of the country the number needed is being slowly decreased.
Chief Wagner today hoped that he will have the required quota of men inside of six weeks or two months. He cannot undertake to say whether they will remain in the department at present salaries.

The basic entrance salary in the department is \$900 a year, to which is added the \$120 war bonus, or \$1,020. Computed on a twelve-hour day basis this is about 22 cents an hour. For this salary a man must pass a rigid physical test and risk the hazards that go with the work. The firemen are asking for an increase of at least \$1 per day.

The police department offers little better in its pay, and Major Pullman, chief of the department, is urging strongly that increased pay be given his men. That department has been far short of the number of men needed in the past.

Limited service soldiers were called in but many of them are leaving. Recruiting is going on but not to the extent desired.

Overseas Men at Meade Will Go Home for Xmas

CAMP MEADE, Md., Dec. 19.—Glad tidings with regard to getting home for Christmas cheered up the overseas heroes, some of whom have not been home for nearly two years. It was announced that every man who cannot be discharged within the next few days will get a furlough to go home if he is well enough to travel.

Young Yank Corporal In France Kissed By 1,000 Girls In 2 Days

CLEVELAND, Dec. 19.—Corp. Louis Romanelli writes home from France that he was kissed by at least a thousand girls in the two days following the signing of the armistice.

He is modest about it. His letter indicates his belief that he was not admired for himself alone. He intimates that he was kissed as a representative of America, in recognition and gratitude for what this country did to help France.

But that is not the view of it held by his mother, Mrs. Mary Romanelli.

She is not in the least surprised that he would be kissed by a thousand girls.

She says he is a young man in a thousand, and thinks it quite natural most young women should be attracted.

Have Your \$1 for Red Cross Ready

Have your dollar ready for the Red Cross today.
Eighteen thousand women workers are today soliciting memberships for the relief society.

Thousands of Washington residents joined the Red Cross during the morning and early afternoon. More thousands are expected to join today.

Nearly 300,000 persons in the National Capital are expected to enlist.

The Treasury Department is now leading the Government departments in the number of Red Cross members.

Over 20,000 Treasury employees have joined, and many hundreds more will be signed up before tonight, officials promise.

While solicitors were busily gathering members to the standard of the Red Cross, the first presentation of a series of living posters was given on the south steps of the Treasury at 12:30 p. m.

Tableaux Effective.

"The Spirit of the Red Cross" was portrayed by Mrs. June Day. "Where Columbia Leads," by Edward Blashfield, was enacted by Miss Edith Swanson and Miss Brooke St. Clair.

Master Reynolds Albertin posed for "The Child in the Window," and Miss Aime Smith posed for "The Greatest Mother in the World."

The tableaux were particularly effective, and presented in striking detail the exact lines of the various pictures.

Thousands witnessed the first presentation, which was directed by Miss Mabel Boardman and Mrs. Christian Hemmick.

Carter Glass, Secretary of the Treasury, made a short address. Many persons prominent in Washington society, including the wives of Cabinet members, were present. Several hundred of Red Cross memberships were sold.

Col. Sanger Heads Red Cross Branch

Col. William Cary Sanger, formerly associate manager of the Potomac Division of the American Red Cross, has been made manager, succeeding Henry White, who has gone to France as a member of the peace delegation. The announcement of Colonel Sanger's appointment was made by the Red Cross today.

Colonel Sanger has been closely interested in and prominently identified with the affairs of the Red Cross for many years and has filled many important posts for the organization. He was a delegate to the Geneva conference in 1906, when the treaty under which neutrals are permitted to care for belligerent sick and wounded, commonly known as the Red Cross treaty, was revised. He was a delegate to the international Red Cross conference in London the following year, and again was a delegate to the international conference held in Washington in 1912.

Prior to the declaration of war Colonel Sanger was chairman of the Red Cross for the State of New York. He came to Washington as director of the bureau of military relief for the Potomac division of the Red Cross, and later was made associate manager of the division with Mr. White.

Colonel Sanger commanded a regiment in the Spanish-American war, and was Assistant Secretary of War from which post he resigned in 1903.

PEACE WILL INCREASE WORK OF RED CROSS

The work of the Red Cross will increase rather than diminish by the arrival of peace, said Provost Marshal General Crowder, in a message to the Red Cross here today.

"With the war at an end, the Red Cross must turn its hand to the rehabilitation of devastated Europe not only in the late theaters of operation in all those fields just delivered from hostile occupation and among all those people who for more than four years have felt the heel of German oppression. To embarrass its activities at this time is to add misery to its suffering," Crowder said.

SCOTTISH RITE MEN AID HOSPITAL XMAS

If you want to remember a soldier at Walter Reed Hospital on Christmas through The Times:
1. Address your gift: "To a Soldier at Walter Reed Hospital."
2. Leave your gift with the cashier of The Times, first floor, Munsey building.
3. Be sure your gift reaches the Times not later than December 22.
4. Send only those gifts suggested by the Red Cross, a list of which appears in another column of The Times today.

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wounded soldiers at the hospital are coming into The Times "Santa Claus room" in ever-increasing numbers.

Kitchen employees of the Hotel Lafayette have subscribed \$14 to The Times Christmas as their part of the plan in Washington to remember the soldiers on Christmas Day.

The money was used to purchase fourteen packages of Fatimas, nineteen packages of Camels, twenty packages of Lucky Strikes, five pipes, and twenty-four cans of Tuxedo tobacco. These gifts are now stored in the "Santa Claus room" of The Times.

Seven cans wrapped up in a nat bundle is one of the latest of the gifts brought to The Times "Santa Claus room."

Thomas P. Moore sends in a collection of one dozen pipes for the wounded men at the hospital.

There were thirty-one popular fiction books received yesterday.

Tobacco Coming In.
Tobacco still continues to come in by spurts and dashes. There are thousands and thousands of cigarettes, can upon can of smoking tobacco, and hundreds of cigars now awaiting shipment to the wounded soldiers at Walter Reed.

A big bundle containing hundreds of sheets of writing paper and dozens of pencils included in today's remembrances.

A mandolin sat in state on the big pile of gifts yesterday. It was the musical instrument to be received.

Two fountain pens were added today to those already sent in.

A dozen neckties were also received, which can of apple jelly was smuggled past the guardian of The Times "Santa Claus Room." The Red Cross has suggested that sweets be not sent to the men.

On the night of December 22, after the gifts have all been "mobilized," they will be taken in a big truck to the hospital, where they will be turned over to the Red Cross.

To Arrange Parcels.
The Red Cross officials will open the packages and make uniform Christmas parcels of them all. Every soldier at the hospital will in this way receive a Christmas gift from the people of Washington.

But six days remain until Christmas, and the parcels of the overseas boys at the hospital.

This is because the Red Cross has suggested that the gifts must be in by December 22.

The wounded soldiers at the hospital seem to have fallen into the spirit of the occasion with boyish enthusiasm. Those who have been unable to get furloughs home are planning to make merry for the Yuletide celebration.

Just what presents some of the soldiers want is a source of constant interest to the visitor.

One big overseas man who wore two gold service stripes and a wound stripe on his sleeve and the station cord of the First Division around his shoulder, declared that he wanted a useful German silver piccollo.

Killed Sixteen Germans.
"And he killed sixteen Germans before he got his," murmured an awestricken comrade. "I'd think he'd just naturally hate anything German after that."

"Well, I'll tell you what I'd like," spoke up another youth. "I'd like to have some Latin books to read, preferably 'Cicero' and—and I'd like a 'Euclid' too."

"What's 'Euclid'?" brusquely asked a doughboy who had a very level gaze and a citation cord, as well as service stripes.

"I guess it's geometry," said another.

The doughboy then emphatically went on record as saying he'd rather kill Germans than read that old Greek or "Egy-talian" stuff, or whatever it was.

"Hush, we're not supposed to be

Here Is What the Soldiers Want

Gifts suggested by the Red Cross that you may send to the wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital through The Times:
Fountain pens.
Tobacco in every form.
Pipes, cigarettes and cigar holders and smoking equipment.
Musical instruments. (These would probably not be given to individuals, but to groups for formation of musical organizations.)
Photograph records or phonographs.
Athletic equipment such as boxing gloves, tennis rackets, tennis balls, baseballs, baseball gloves, bats, etc. (These might also be given to groups rather than to individuals.)
Woolen gloves.
Neckties.
Razors.
Books.

hostile to the Germans any more," admonished another.

"Nope, I guess we'll have more pity than hate for 'em after peace is signed," he answered.

Banter Goes Around.
And so the merry round of banter went, and the soldiers seemed to have but three thoughts in their mind—first, home; second, plans for Christmas at the hospital, and third, memories of the two battlefields of France.

Plans for the Christmas on the spot are fast being completed by the various welfare organizations.

A solemn midnight mass will be held in the new Knights of Columbus hut. There will be at least eight other masses celebrated on Christmas Day.

Several visiting priests will participate in the ceremonies at the Knights of Columbus hut. Holly and palm decorations will be placed around the hut, and a Bethlehem scene will hang over the altar. A picked choir from Washington, under the direction of Miss Marie Louise Sullivan, will sing.

While visitors from the city will be welcome at the midnight ceremony, their presence is not urged, as it is the desire of the chaplains to accommodate all soldiers at the hospital who wish to attend the mass.

TO DISPOSE OF WAR DEPARTMENT PROPERTY

Benedict Crowell, Assistant Secretary of War and Director of Munitions, has been requested by the President to assume responsibility for the proper disposition of all property acquired by the War Department since April 6, 1917.

Mr. Crowell has appointed C. W. Hare, assistant director of munitions, to have general supervision of this work, and Brig. Gen. C. C. Jamieson has been appointed director of sales in direct charge of an organization to be perfected for the disposal of surplus property.

Policy and procedure upon which sales will be made will be formulated by the director of munitions, the assistant director of munitions, and the director of sales. It is the intention of the director of munitions to so market Government property as to interfere as little as possible with business conditions, and to this end the assistant director of munitions and the director of sales will, as occasion may require, confer with committees representing the industries affected.

Any information in connection with the various problems involved will be furnished by either the assistant director of munitions, or the director of sales at their offices in the Munitions Building, Nineteenth and B streets northwest.

DIES AFTER FIST FIGHT; HIS ADVERSARY IS HELD

Edward Dwyer, of 906 G street southeast, was held for the action of the grand jury investigating the death of William E. McGraw, 122 Sixth street southeast, who died at Casualty Hospital yesterday as the result of injuries sustained during a fight with Dwyer on Eighth and G streets southeast Monday night.

McGraw, a machinist employed at the Navy Yard, was knocked to the pavement during the fight and received a fracture of the skull. Dwyer was arrested by the police of the Fifth precinct a short time later at his home.

PAJAMAS CAUSED QUARREL, SHE SAYS

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Heated words passed between the two men.

Pajama Incident Again.
Mrs. Johnson, wife of the defendant, in testifying about pajamas, said that at first she did not see any great harm in Miss Osborn putting her husband on the package, but had warned her against it, however. She said that Major King had induced Miss Osborn to write her name on the package.

"Major King," she said, "told us that when Mrs. O'Ryan saw the girl's name as the sender she would be very angry."

"To the incident," continued Mrs. Johnson, "my husband not only became angry with Miss Osborn but also with Major King. Later on, when our adopted daughter told my husband of the major bursting into our room unannounced, my husband became angry and told the army officer to leave our home."

Tells of Scuffle.
During her testimony Mrs. Johnson brought out for the first time that her husband was injured during the scuffle which preceded the shooting. "He received a cut on the head and strained a muscle of his neck," said Mrs. Johnson. "He is still suffering from the injury."

Mrs. Johnson is an attractive woman and is many years the junior of her husband. She was dressed in a blue tailored coat suit. She remained standing while she was testifying.

Mrs. Johnson said that Major King was the "handsome officer at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds."

Both Johnson and his wife testified that the pajama incident was the beginning of the hatred of one man for the other. During the introduction of character witnesses, the trial broadened from the fact that a homicide had been committed to what may later terminate in a Government investigation.

People in this section are today much excited over the presence of United States Secret Service men who are said to be mingling among the crowd. It was thought they were here to see that there was no tampering with the witnesses in the trial, but today there is much speculation as to their presence.

Urged Wives to Attend.
Attorneys for the defense introduced testimony to show that the Johnsons had not been invited to a dance at the proving ground in order to show the feeling of the company officers toward the civilian population. Mrs. Johnson said that the wives were invited, but their husbands were not urged to attend.

Miss Linsee King, daughter of the slain army officer, attended the trial today and took considerable interest in the testimony of Miss Osborn. Miss King had been a frequent visitor to the Johnson home.

WOULD BAN RED FLAG IN U. S.

Senator New of Indiana today introduced a bill in the Senate prohibiting the display of the red flag.

"I believe that I am reflecting the desire and sentiment of the overwhelming majority of the American people," he declared.

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Bath Robes, \$6.00 to \$11.00	Men's Sweaters, \$5 to \$18.00
Wool Lounging Robes, \$16.50 to \$35.00	Silk Shirts, \$6.50 to \$12.00
Silk Lounging Robes, \$25.00 to \$60.00	Silk Fiber Shirts, \$3.50 to \$5.00
Bat Wing Ties, 50c to 85c	Percale, Madras Shirts, \$1.50 to \$3.50
Silk Cravats, 75c to \$3.50	Silk Hose, 75c to \$2.00
Silk Knit Ties, \$1.50 to \$3.50	Lisle Hose, 35c to 50c
Silk Mufflers, \$1.50 to \$15.00	Wool Hose, 35c to \$1.75
Wool Mufflers, \$2.00 to \$7.00	Silk-and-Wool Hose, \$1.50
Lined Gloves, \$3.00 to \$6.00	Men's Gloves, \$2.50 to \$5.00
Wool Gloves, \$1.50 to \$2.50	Madras or Soisette Pajamas, \$2.00 to \$5.00
Auto Gloves, \$5.00 to \$10.00	Silk Pajamas, \$8.50 to \$15.00
Cuff Links, \$1.00 to \$3.00	Heavyweight Pajamas, \$2.50 to \$7.00
Evening Jewelry Sets, \$2.50 to \$7.50	Pajamas with Hood and Boots, \$7.00
Silver Belt Buckles, \$2.00 to \$3.50	Men's Umbrellas, \$1.45 to \$10.00
Scarf Pins, \$1.00 to \$2.00	Cane and Umbrella Sets, \$10.00
Knives, \$2.00 to \$3.00	Traveling Bags, \$7.00 to \$62.00
Watch Chains, \$1.50 to \$3.50	Men's Toilet Sets, \$1.25 to \$18.00
Walking Sticks, \$1.50 to \$7.50	